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This paper responds to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006. Claims 39-76 and 80-85 were pending and under consideration in connection with the present application. In the present paper, claims 71-76 and 80-85 are cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in one or more related continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications. Thus, following entry of the present amendment, claims 39-60 will be pending and under consideration.

Applicants note with appreciation the PTO's indication that claims 39-60 are free of the art and patentable and kindly thank the PTO for the same.

I. The Amendments to the Claims

In the present paper, claims 61-76 and 80-85 are cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in one or more related continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications. Entry of the amendment to the claims is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

II. The Rejection of Claims 61-76 and 80-85 as Lacking Written Description under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Should be Withdrawn

Claims 61-76 and 80-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking written description in the instant application as filed. Without acquiescing to the rejection, and solely to facilitate passage of the remaining claims to issuance, Applicants have cancelled claims 61-76 and 80-85. Accordingly, Applicants believe the rejection of such claims for allegedly lacking written description is moot and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

III. The Rejection of Claims 61-76 and 80-85 as Lacking Enablement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Should be Withdrawn

Claims 61-76 and 80-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not enabled by the instant application as filed. Without acquiescing to the rejection, and solely to facilitate passage of the remaining claims to issuance, Applicants have cancelled claims 61-76 and 80-85. Accordingly, Applicants believe the rejection of such claims as allegedly not enabled is moot and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early indication of the same.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response beyond the fees associated with the Petition for Extension of Time and Information Disclosure Statement. Should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-3013, referencing order number 893053-999096. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

By his signature appearing below, the Undersigned hereby represents that he is authorized by Amgen Inc. to submit this paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.34.

Respectfully submitted,

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